Tamil Primary School in Alleppey.

190. * **Mr. S. Veeriah Reddiar** (*Commerce and Industry, North*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of people in the Alleppey town whose mother-tongue is Tamil;

(*b*) whether there are any Tamil Primary Schools in Alleppey;

(*c*) if the answer is in the negative whether they will open at least one Tamil Primary School in Alleppey?

Mr. A. Narayanan Tampi: (*a*) No information is available.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) The question of opening a Tamil School at Alleppey will be considered when the necessity therefor is established.

E. S. L. C. Examination.

191. * **Mr. K. G. Narayana Panicker**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Director of Public Instruction has abolished the system of conducting selection before the E. S. L. C. Examination;

(*b*) if so, the total number of students who can sit up for the examination due to such a departmental circular; and

(*c*) the total number among them appearing from Government English High Schools?

Mr. A. Narayanan Tampi: (*a*) The selection for all Public Examinations including E. S. L. C. Examination has been abolished as an experimental measure.

(*b*) & (*c*) It is not possible to collect the information as instructions regarding abolition of selection were received in most of the schools before any selection was made.

Mr. K. G. Narayana Panicker: May I know from the member the reasons which actuated the adoption of this new circular?

Mr. A. Narayanan Tampi: Sir, there are various reasons for sending such a circular. I find that over a thousand children are getting rotten for nearly 8 months. From the date of the announcement of the selection examination till perhaps late in the next year they are doing nothing and they are a source of disturbance in the class rooms and outside the classrooms, and in their homes. Weighing the two advantages I thought it was better to send them up rather than to keep them as a source of trouble. I thought it was far better to see that they appear for the examination and work hard.

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